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(b) a second DNA polymerase, wherein said second polymerase substantially lacks 3'-5' exonuclease activity and is thermostable.

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35. (Three times Amended) A method of amplifying a polynucleotide sequence, said method comprising mixing a composition with a synthesis primer and a synthesis template, said composition comprising

(a) a first DNA polymerase possessing 3'-5' exonuclease activity, wherein said first polymerase is thermostable, and

(b) a second DNA polymerase, wherein said second polymerase substantially lacks 3'-5' exonuclease activity and is thermostable.

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37. (Twice amended) A method according to claim 35, wherein said first DNA polymerase is selected from the group consisting of *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase, *Thermotoga maritima* DNA polymerase, *Thermococcus litoralis* DNA polymerase, and *Pyrococcus* GB-D DNA polymerase.

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39. (Twice amended) A method according to Claim 35, wherein the second DNA polymerase is selected from the group consisting of *Thermus aquaticus* DNA polymerase, (exo-) *Thermococcus litoralis* DNA polymerase, (exo-) *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase, and (exo-) *Pyrococcus* GB-D DNA polymerase.

40. (Twice amended) A method according to Claim 35, wherein said second DNA polymerase is *Thermus aquaticus* DNA polymerase.

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43. (Twice amended) A kit according to Claim 33, wherein said first DNA polymerase is selected from the group consisting of *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase, *Thermotoga maritima* DNA polymerase, *Thermococcus litoralis* DNA polymerase, and *Pyrococcus* GB-D DNA polymerase.

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45. (Twice amended) A kit according to Claim 33, wherein the second DNA polymerase is selected from the group consisting of *Thermus aquaticus* DNA polymerase, (exo-) *Thermococcus litoralis* DNA polymerase, (exo-) *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase, and (exo-) *Pyrococcus* GB-D DNA polymerase.

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52. (Twice amended) A composition comprising:
(a) a first DNA polymerase, wherein said first polymerase possesses 3'-5' exonuclease activity and is thermostable, and
(b) a second DNA polymerase, wherein said second polymerase substantially lacks 3'-5' exonuclease activity and is thermostable.

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54. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 52, wherein said second DNA polymerase is *Thermus aquaticus* DNA polymerase.

55. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 52, wherein said first DNA polymerase is selected from the group consisting of *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase, *E. coli* DNA polymerase I, Klenow fragment, T-4 polymerase, T-7

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polymerase, *Thermotoga maritima* DNA polymerase, *Thermococcus litoralis* DNA polymerase, and *Pyrococcus* GB-D DNA polymerase.

56. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 52, wherein said first DNA polymerase is selected from the group consisting of *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase, *Thermotoga maritima* DNA polymerase, *Thermococcus litoralis* DNA polymerase, and *Pyrococcus* GB-D DNA polymerase.

75. (Three times Amended) A method of synthesizing a polynucleotide sequence, said method comprising mixing a composition with a synthesis primer and a synthesis template, said composition comprising

(a) a first DNA polymerase possessing 3'-5' exonuclease activity, wherein said first polymerase is thermostable, and

(b) a second DNA polymerase, wherein said second polymerase substantially lacks 3'-5' exonuclease activity and is thermostable.

77. (Amended) A method according to claim 75, wherein said first DNA polymerase is selected from the group consisting of *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase, *Thermotoga maritima* DNA polymerase, *Thermococcus litoralis* DNA polymerase, and *Pyrococcus* GB-D DNA polymerase.

79. (Amended) A method according to Claim 75, wherein the second DNA polymerase is selected from the group consisting of *Thermus aquaticus* DNA

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polymerase, (exo-) *Thermococcus litoralis* DNA polymerase, (exo-) *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase, and (exo-) *Pyrococcus GB-D* DNA polymerase.

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80. (Amended) A method according to Claim 75, wherein said second DNA polymerase is *Thermus aquaticus* DNA polymerase.

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